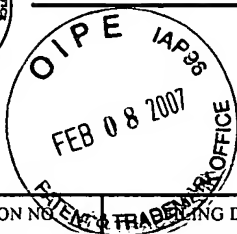




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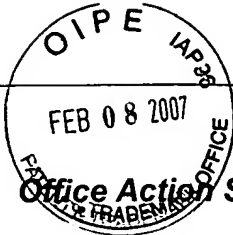
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 October 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35-90 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 35-90 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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DETAILED ACTION

The response filed **October 04, 2006** presents remarks and arguments to the office action mailed **June 02, 2006**. Applicants' request for reconsideration of the rejection of claims in the last office action has been considered.

Applicants' arguments, filed, have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. The following rejections and/or objections are either reiterated or newly applied. They constitute the complete set presently being applied to the instant application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/10/06 has been received and acknowledged.

Status of claims

Claims 35-90 are pending.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant is advised to look in paragraph 714.01(e) of the MPEP on how to handle preliminary amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

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Claims 35-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contain new subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The term less than frequently is a new matter. Specifically, closest to Applicants claim is shown or cited at page 16, lines 24-25, where it recites on a monthly or less than monthly but nothing of less than frequently is taught in the specification. Such a limitation is narrower than what is claimed.

Claims 52-61 and 71-90 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contain new subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The term on a periodic basis is not taught. Specifically, closest to Applicants claim is shown or cited at page 16, lines 21, where it recites on a periodic administration but not periodic basis as claimed.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 31-36, 43-45, 52-54, 61-64, 71-74 and 82-84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

What is the lower dosage required for vitamin D to effect increase apoptosis?

And the dosage that is required without inducing deleterious hypercalcemic side effect?

Maintained Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112-second

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 35-90 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant argues that a person skilled in the art would understand that the phrase means that the vitamin D compound is not administered on a daily basis.

In response, Examiner disagrees, it is interpreted that less frequently than daily can mean once every other day, once a week, once every other month, once a year or a laundry list of other variation. Simply because there are some medication that are administered once a month, which is less frequently, once a week, once every other month etc. Careful consideration has been given to Applicants remarks but found unpersuasive. Less frequently than daily is very vague and indefinite. A doctor will never tell a patient to take a medication less frequently. There is a time limitation to administering drugs. Once a day is less frequently, as a medication can be administered 4 times a day.

Next, Applicant traversal of receiving vitamin D through sunrays is persuasive and that part of the rejection is withdrawn.

Double Patenting

The filing of the terminal disclaimer has been acknowledged by the examiner. The decision of the approval/disapproval is pending therefore the rejection will be maintained until the decision is made.


No claims allowed.

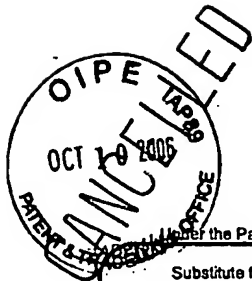
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shirley V. Gembah whose telephone number is 571-272-8504. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 -5:00, Monday- Friday.

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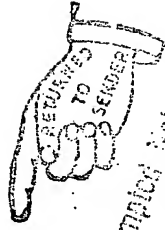
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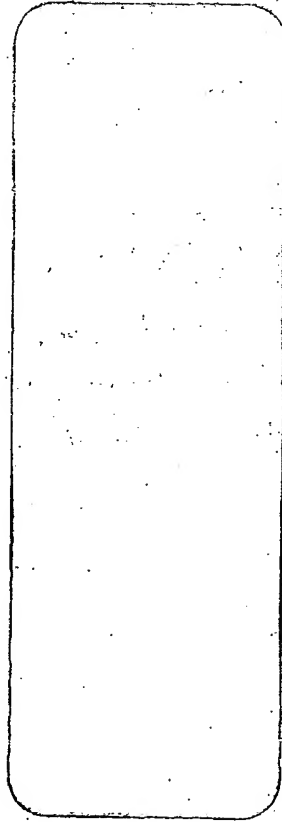
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